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**REMARKS**

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated 24 August 2005. Applicants disagree with all the objections, rejections, and assertions presented in the 24 August 2005 Office Action. Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending objections and rejections.

The independent claims have been amended to further clarify that the multilayer reflective polarizing film includes alternating layers of isotropic and birefringent polymeric material. Support for this amendment is found at least at paragraphs 21-23, 28, and 41. Thus, no new matter has been added with this amendment.

Claims 1-28 are pending.

**102 Rejections**

Claims 1-7 and 16-23 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Katsumata et al. (US 6,829,090). Applicants respectfully disagree.

With regard to claims 1-7 and 16-23, Katsumata et al., fails to disclose every element of the claims. Katsumata et al., clearly does not disclose, at least, a multilayer reflective polarizing film that includes alternating layers of isotropic and birefringent polymeric material. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

With regard to claims 6 and 7, Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's speculation as to the presence or absence of photo initiators and unreacted monomers or oligomers within the cited references. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide actual evidence either within the cited references or within an Examiner declaration providing such evidence as required by the MPEP or withdraw the rejection.

With regard to claims 20, 22, and 23, Applicants request the Examiner to particularly point out the claimed elements found in Katsumata et al. With regard to claims 20 and 22,

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Katsumata et al., fails to disclose formation of an adhesive:polarizing film laminate prior to applying this adhesive:polarizing film laminate to the rigid cover. With regard to claim 23, Katsumata et al., fails to disclose formation of the polarizing beam splitter without curing; Katsumata et al., teaches the contrary since it includes a UV adhesive. Applicants request the Examiner to particularly point out the support within Katsumata et al., for these rejections based on Katsumata et al.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim rejections.

### 103 Rejections

Claims 8-15 and 24-28 were rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kusano et al., (US 6,386,710) in view of Katsumata et al. (6,829,090). Applicants respectfully disagree. With regard to claims 8-15 and 24-28, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Kusano et al., fails to disclose, at least, any multilayer **reflective** polarizing film much less the claimed multilayer reflective polarizing film that includes alternating layers of isotropic and birefringent polymeric material. Kusano et al., only discloses **absorptive** (dichroic) polarizing films (see e.g., col. 11, lines 25-35). Kusano et al., also fails to disclose a pressure sensitive adhesive. Kusano et al., even fails to disclose any adhesive layer disposed on a rigid cover.

The cited references do not disclose all the elements of the independent claims. None of the references disclose, at least, a multilayer reflective polarizing film that includes alternating layers of isotropic and birefringent polymeric material. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

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**CONCLUSION**

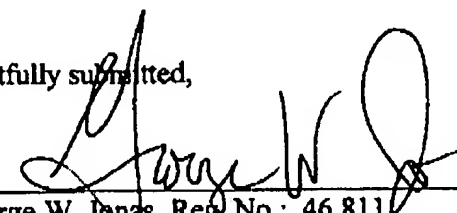
In view of the above, Applicants submits that pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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